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the court. I will commit you to jail as sure as you are sitting in that chair. I will commit you, and not impose a fine, but a commitment for the full term. I will not sit here and be insulted.

"We think," then continues Justice Seabury, "it unjust that counsel, in endeavoring to protect the rights of his clients, should be subjected to the treatment accorded to defendants' counsel in this case. Counsel was within his rights in noting an exception to the examination by the court. Nor did the fact that counsel made an objection merit the reply that his objection was 'ridiculous.'"

"There were other improper remarks on the part of the trial Judge, but it seems to us that enough has been quoted to show that, in justice to the defendants, this judgment should be reversed.

"A trial in which counsel for one of the parties is held up to ridicule by the court for making proper objections, and is unjustifiably threatened with punishment by fine and imprisonment, and is denied a hearing upon relevant matters, is not a fair trial. An advocate subjected to such persistent discourtesy from the court is embarrassed in the presentation of the cause of his client, and the cause of the client is palpably prejudiced in the eyes of the jury."—New York Times.

IN VACATION.

Substitute Witnesses.—The case in question was a neighborhood quarrel. One side had three witnesses, the other side seven. The supposedly star witness was called to the stand by the lawyer for the accused.

The witness was a laboring man of honest appearance, and after the customary questions as to his name, address, occupation, and length of residence in the city, the lawyer, who relied on the man's testimony largely to clear the defendant, asked:

"Do you know the defendant?"

"Yes, sir."

"You know of the trouble between Mr. A here and the defendant?"

"Yes, sir."

"State to the court just what part of the trouble you saw."

"Oh, I did not see any of it," replied the witness. "My wife saw it all. She was subpoenaed, but she couldn't come, so she sent me."

Needless to say, the witness quickly was withdrawn, and if it had not been for the judge's sense of humor, it might have gone ill with the defendant.

The judge decided that no damage had been done, except to the feelings of the respective sides, and he dismissed the case.—Central Law Journal.